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SUBJECT: TRANS ATLANTIC COURIER SERVICE

FROM FRDCO

BANGKOK FOR BRDCO: DEPT FOR OC/P

1. RELIABILITY PAN AM FREIGHTER ARRIVAL HAS REACHED POINT WHERE WE CAN NO LONGER RECOMMEND SCHEDULED SUNDAY DEPARTURES FOR FRDCO COURIERS.

2. WE ARE TAKING HARD LOOK AT ALL SUNDAY DEPARTURES WITH A VIEW TOWARD ELIMINATING THEM. CAN FORESEE NO IMPROVEMENT IN FREIGHTER SCHEDULE RELIABILITY AND THINK PRESENT FRENZY ON SUNDAYS TRYING TO CANCEL AND REBOOK COURIERS, WORKING POUCH PERSONNEL AND CHAUFFEURS OVERTIME (OR HAVING THEM QUOTE ON CALL UNQUOTE ALL DAY) AND KEEPING ATHENS AND ROUTE 200 COURIER IN CONSTANT STATE OF SUSPENSE, ALL OF WHICH TO NO AVAIL, SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE.

3. SUGGEST BRDCO, WITH OC/P APPROVAL, EXAMINE OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR FRDCO/BRDCO EXCHANGE OF FAR EAST MATERIAL. FOR STARTERS WE RECOMMEND USE LH-310 MONDAYS ARRIVING ATHENS 1320 HOURS. SHOULD ANOTHER T/A FEED APPEAR MORE PRACTICABLE (NOT NECESSARILY MORE RELIABLE) WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER.

4. PERHAPS OC/P IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARFCO HQS CAN WORK OUT SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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